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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LUCA BRAMBILLA ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/758,515

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For: PRODUCTION OF HETEROLOGOUS
PROTEINS FROM
ZYGOSACCHAROMYCES BAILII

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Examiner: Maria Marvich

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED AUGUST 24, 2004**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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December 21, 2004

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is November 24, 2004.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to December 24, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.633082RFE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.